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## **CORRECTION REQUEST**

### **APPLICATION NO#:**

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In re Application of: Giovanni ARVEDI :

Serial No.: 10/554632 T.W. : Date  
~~10/544,632~~ 09/29/2006

Filing date: 10/25/2005 :

Title: THERMO-ELECTROMECHANICAL PROCESS AND :  
SYSTEM FOR COILING AND UNCOILING AN :  
IN-LINE HOT ROLLED PRE-STRIP FROM :  
THIN SLAB CONTINUOUS CASTING :

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REQUEST FOR CORRECTION OF 1 ERROR IN FILING RECEIPT

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We respectfully request correction of 1 error appearing in the Filing Receipt mailed in the above-identified application. The error is the following:

- 1) The title is incorrect. The correct title is "THERMO-ELECTROMECHANICAL PROCESS AND SYSTEM FOR COILING AND UNCOILING AN IN-LINE HOT ROLLED PRE-STRIP FROM THIN SLAB CONTINUOUS CASTING". It is not "THERMO-ELECTROMECHANICAL PROCESS AND SYSTEM FOR COILING AND

UNCOILING AN IN-LINE HOT ROLLED PRE-STRIP FROM THIN SLAB  
CONINUOUS CASTING".

Enclosed is a marked-up copy of Filing Receipt and  
a marked-up copy of the Executed Declaration to  
support the corrections.

Respectfully submitted,

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By: 

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**Applicant(s)**

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**Power of Attorney:** The patent practitioners associated with Customer Number 20311.**Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant**

This application is a 371 of PCT/IT04/00378 07/08/2004

**Foreign Applications**

ITALY MI2003 A 001546 07/28/2003

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The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US10/554,632**

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Non-Publication Request: No

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Title

Thermo-electromechanical process and system for coiling and uncoiling an in-line hot rolled pre-strip from thin slab continuous casting

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should be "continuous"

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My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below; I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**Thermo-Electromechanical Process And System For Coiling And Uncoiling An In-Line Hot Rolled Pre-Strip From Thin Slab Continuous Casting**

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the specification of which (check only one item below):

☒ is attached hereto.

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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Italy, Appln. No. MI2003A 001546	28 July 2003	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
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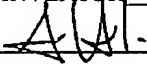
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